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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## PROGRESS TESTS IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

Three years ago the School commenced an annual cycle of online Progress Tests in English, mathematics and science for Key Stage 3 students. Later this month, immediately after the mid-year exams, Year 7 students will take Progress Tests in English and mathematics and the Year 8 and Year 9 Progress Tests in English, mathematics and science.

The Progress Tests in science assess students' science knowledge, those in mathematics gauge students' mathematical skills and concepts in key areas, while the Progress Tests in English assess students' attainment in core English skills such as spelling, grammar, punctuation and comprehension.

The School uses the Progress Tests series from the UK company GL Education. This series of tests is used by many international schools world-wide as well as by schools in the UK. The tests serve as trusted and robust assessments, with the standardization for them based on over 85,000 pupils. This year's results, in conjunction with data from past years, will allow us to measure students' progress year-on-year in the core subjects. The results will identify students' strengths and weaknesses and help to personalise learning and inform intervention strategies. In addition, the data will support communication with parents and provide evidence for external inspections. Kindly note that we follow what is standard practice for schools and do not release the results of the Tests to parents.

The Progress Tests will take place in the days after the internal school examinations, so no extra preparation on the part of students should really be necessary. The schedule for the Tests will be released closer to the time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bradfield.

Yours sincerely

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